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**FORMER NEW HAMPSHIRE PHARMACIST
PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTED ILLEGAL DIVERSION OF OXYCONTIN**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Resident Agent in Charge of the Food and Drug Administration Mark Dragonetti, Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, and Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration Mark R. Trouville, announce that Dana Haselton, age 47, formerly of Londonderry, NH, pleaded guilty to a one count indictment which charged him with unlawfully attempting to distribute oxycodone (OxyContin) in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846. Haselton engaged in a scheme by which he attempted to purchase large quantities of OxyContin by attempting to pass false prescriptions and then re-selling the OxyContin. Haselton was a former pharmacist licensed by the New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 18, 2005 before Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, at least a three year term of supervised release, a maximum \$1,000,000.00 fine, and a \$100.00 mandatory special assessment.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "The illicit trafficking in drugs presents a significant threat to the health and welfare of our citizens. This office is committed to battling the illegal sale of all drugs. This case demonstrates our pledge to prosecute those who would use their professional license to engage in illegal activity."

The investigation was conducted by the Manchester Police Department, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the Drug Enforcement Administration Diversion Squad in Boston. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Irish.